

THE NAVY.

Stamper—Eight guns.—This iron-clad steamer, a splendid craft, was launched from the yard of Wm. Trump, Philadelphia, on the 9th instant. She is the first iron-clad vessel ever built at Philadelphia, and never was there anything occurred at Philadelphia in ship-launching, since the launch of the Fanny, which, to excite so much public interest as that which attended the gliding of the Ironsides into her native element. She is the first iron-plated scowling war steamer of large size built by the United States government, and is constructed from plans and specifications presented to the Navy Department last September by Merrick & Sons, of Philadelphia, who are the sole contractor with the government. They in turn contracted with the Philadelphia Navy Yard, with the Bristol and Brown & Co., of Pitsburg, for the four and a half inch plating, reserving to themselves the construction of the machinery and the general arrangement of the several parts. The contract is dated October 18, and the vessel is to be ready for steam July 15. Chief Engineer W. W. Wood, of the navy, superintended the machinery and plating, and Naval Constructor Henry Hoover, the hull. She is two hundred and forty feet long, fifty-eight feet six inches wide and twenty-five feet deep, displacing 3,250 tons, and having a berth, gun and spar deck, to be later being shoofroof. Her frames are of white oak, fitted in solid and caulked, and the average thickness of her sides is twenty inches. The iron plating commences at a point four feet below the water line, and extends to her gun deck. The machinery consists of two horizontal direct steam engines, with cylinders of fifty inches diameter and thirty inches stroke, intended to make thirty-five revolutions per minute, and drive a brass or bladed propeller of thirteen feet diameter and eighteen foot pitch. The boilers are four in number (horizontal tubular), each seventeen feet front, eleven feet deep and eleven feet high, of a collective force of 600 horses. The armament will consist of sixteen twelve-pound Dahlgren guns on the gun deck and two two-hundred-pounder Parrott guns on the spar deck. The port-lights will be closed by iron shutters five inches thick, worked from the inside. As this is a sailing steamer, she is intended to sail with her steam, and, besides to her speed, she will be well rigged, her topmasts and yards being so arranged that in action they are lowered, and leave simply the three lower masts in view. When in action all the men on board are protected from shot or shrapnel, and are below the spar deck; the commander only above that deck, and he occupies a shoofroof iron lookout, which rises above the spar deck, and from which he can see all surrounding objects and by signals communicate with the officers on board. Unlike the Monitor and Galena, this vessel can carry a large crew, sufficiently so to board and capture any vessel. Impenetrable to shot and shell, she will seek close action, and by means of her iron prow ram her or by her heavy guns capture her opponent. Her speed will enable her to enter the most difficult Southern harbors. Even Mobile and Sumter can be visited by her, and she may be able to make an incursion upon those forts before they are repossessed by the United States. The country is mainly indebted to Commodore Joseph Smith, of the Bureau of Yards and Docks at Washington, for the construction of this vessel, as well as the two which have preceded her. It was by his exertions that the money was appropriated by Congress, and, as President of the Board of Naval Officers on iron-clad steamers, he has devoted much time to their construction.

Massachusetts—Eight guns.—The United States des. this steamer Massachusetts will be ready to sail from the Navy Yard, Brooklyn, about the 20th instant, to command the North and South Atlantic Blockading Squadrons, taking the mail, stores, &c.—not going to the end Cape Canaveral.

North Carolina.—This gun—Receiving ship.—This vessel has lately undergone a thorough renovation, and is now as trim and healthy a craft as any receiving ship in the service. Commander Meade is an energetic officer, and the greatest praise is due him for the masterly manner in which he has conducted the business of the ship, as well as the great facility he has afforded for the instruction of the sailors, marines and officers who come under his supervision. The gunners' class at present numbers fifty-three, of whom thirty-three are acting gunners, and twenty master's mates, and are under the instructions of Lieutenants Barrett and Bowen. Acting Master George Smith is the instructor in the broad and small sword exercise, and Ensign Drick Doyle, marine, the drill master of the seamen. He is the head of the North Carolina at present is the best we have ever heard of on that vessel. There are some thirty pieces, under the direction of Mr. Dale.

Recruiting has been somewhat brisker for the past week—the number of recruits on the North Carolina at present being one hundred and forty. There are also on board this ship sixty men from prize crews, thirty-six belonging to the Congress and twelve to the Rancoke, making a total of two hundred and forty-eight men. The ship's crew numbers eighty-five, independent of the officers, comprising fifteen petty officers, ten seamen, twenty ordinary seamen and forty landsmen. The officers of the ship are as follows:—

Commander—H. Meade.
Lieutenant and Executive Officer—H. C. Flagg.
Surgeon—Jas. Dallas.
Assistant Surgeon—W. F. Plant.
Paymaster—J. M. Wood.
Acting Master—Wm. Pearce. E. Terrill, J. C. Chambliss, A. M. Keith.
Master's Mate—J. Bell.
Gunner—John Gaskins.
Quartermaster—Joseph G. Myers.
Steward—W. W. Capell.
Master's Mate—F. Lincoln. D. S. Barker, Chas. Daubrower, John B. Waddles, A. W. Malpine.

The North Carolina also has fifty-seven marines, comprising three sergeants, four corporals, two acting corporals, three musicians and forty-five privates.

Rancoke—Ordered to be iron-clad.—The work on this steamer is progressing as rapidly as ever. The hoists for her are spoken to fasten the armor are drilled, and the plating was commenced. The Saturday, her upper works were completed. Only three masts have been put in so far. She is to be provided with three turrets, in procuring iron to manufacture the plates, in all probability she will not be ready for some four or five months. From the immense weight of her armor it is impossible now to come to any estimate of what her draught will be; but one thing is certain, she will be the most formidable iron clad vessel ever floated.

Rancoke—forty-eight guns—Sleep-of-war.—The frigate Rancoke returned to the Navy Yard last week from her anchorage off the Battery. On the 30th ult. she left her moorings at the yard, under orders to proceed to Hampton Roads, to take part in the combined attack on the rebels at Yorktown, and anchored in the North river, to proceed to attack at six o'clock next morning at the town of Yorktown, but her orders were countermanded by the receipt of their stronghold by the rebels. By direction from the Ordnance Department, her heavy battery is to be further improved preparatory to her departure, and, for convenience, it was deemed necessary for her to go to the yard. Her armament at present consists of one one-hundred-pounder rifled Parrott pivot gun on her fore-castles, one eight inch solid shot pivot gun on quarter deck, ten Dahlgren short twenty-two on the spar deck, ten Dahlgren nine-inch shell gun and eighteen long thirty-twos on her gun deck. She also carries one twelve-pound smooth bore and one twelve-pound rifled howitzer for boat service. The cabins of the vessel whose frames remained in the stocks at the Navy Yard, Brooklyn, for forty years, and was shipped to go to Paraguay. Her keel was laid on the 10th of March, the 10th day of 1819, when the ship was named that ever crossed the ocean, and she was launched, left our shores. She has done good service blockading in the Gulf, and is every inch a man-of-war.

Her list of officers is as follows:—

Captain—Cadwallader Ringgold.
Lieutenant and Executive Officer—Homer C. Blake.
Lieutenant and Ordnance Officer—John W. Kelley.
Paymaster—J. J. Abrahams.
Master—E. A. Walker.
Quartermaster—J. B. Rogers.
Assistant Surgeon—D. M. Skinner. J. M. Luck.
Acting Master—John Ewer. Lucius H. Easton, W. R. H. Taylor, Edward Hussy, Judley E. Paulle.
Master's Mate—G. C. B. Ross. J. R.
Acting Master's Mate—H. H. White. H. M. Now, B. W. McKewen, H. C. Keenly, A. J. Harnden, C. Atwater, J. R. Stryan.
Steward—Geo. C. Booram.
Carpenter—G. E. Bingham.
Boatman—J. Goldsboro.

North Carolina.—A gun, steam Gunboat.—This vessel was floated out of the dry dock at the Charlestown Navy Yard on Monday last. She has undergone a complete overhauling, from stem to stern, and is ordered to be fitted out for sea with despatch.

given by Commander Ringgold on board the United States frigate Sabine, which is anchored off the buoy. Although the ship did not display the amount of bunting usual on such occasions, yet the general appearance was entirely in conflict with what would be expected when grim war stares us in the face. The spar deck was covered with a large awning; the guns all removed, the deck as clean and bright as a new pin, and the blue jackets and officers dressed in their best.

About twelve o'clock several carriages arrived in the yard, freighted with the gentle sex, and driven by the most dexterous and polished of the most aristocratic style. The ladies arrived, were taken on board the Sabine in boats manned by the best sailors dressed in their summer uniforms, steered by "midships" in full regalia. At about two o'clock Commodore Paulding went on board, and was received with a salute of thirteen guns from the Sabine, North Carolina and the Cock, the bands on the ships playing "Hail to the Chief," and the marines presenting arms. The French Admiral arrived in his own boat shortly afterwards, and was received with the appropriate salutes, the French flag flying from the fore. Commodore Meade, of the North Carolina, and Captain Almy, Executive Officer of the Yard, were also among the guests. Altogether, the scene was very an interesting, and reflects the greatest credit upon Commodore Ringgold and his staff.

The dancing, dinner and amusements were superb, and all retired well pleased.

Commodore Paulding issued the following order:

Friday.

Writers and other persons on per diem pay, who were exempted from muster, will report to the Clerk of the Yard when they come in and when they go out of the Yard.

Acting Master J. W. Stapleford has been ordered to the steam gunboat Adirondack, and Acting Master's Mate Joseph Butler to the despatch steam gunboat Massachusetts.

Gunner George Trians has been transferred from the Navy Yard to the frigate Sabine, and Gunner Moses A. Lane appointed to this post. Gunner Thomas P. Venable has gone in the steamship Coatzacoalcas, in charge of ammunition for the Gulf squadron.

Three iron-clad vessels are being built for the government at St. Louis, at a cost of \$450,000. Two of the hulls are nearly completed at Cairo.

MAKINGE BARBARRACKS.

Recruiting at the Arsenal is very slow for the past month. The force at present here numbers 232 men, consisting of 19 sergeants, 10 corporals, 10 musketeers and 108 privates. The list of officers is as follows:—

Major Commanding—Addison Garland.

Captain—Charles Heywood.

Lieutenants—J. C. Kennedy (ordered to the United States frigate "Kearsage," at Annapolis, Md.); W. H. Parker, N. L. Stokes, Remington, and H. L. Bishop.

Drill parades and drills are held daily, and the health and discipline of the establishment are good.

THE TURF.

PARKER PLEASURE GROUND ASSOCIATION.—Trotting Friday, May 23.—Purse \$100, two mile heats, in harness: H. Woodford entered s. m. Lady Emma..... 1 P. Talbot entered s. m. Jilt..... 2 D. Palmer entered s. g. James Lynch..... 3 Sam. McLaughlin entered s. g. Nipper Dick..... Dr.

Time: 5:18—5:21 1/2.

The above was a capital trot, between Emma and Jilt, and afforded unusual excitement among their respective backers. Pool selling was in vogue previous to the start, in which both mares were favorites in turn. One hundred dollar pool Jilt sold for sixty dollars, Emma for thirty-five dollars, while in a two hundred dollar pool Emma brought one hundred and fifty-five dollars and Jilt one hundred and ten dollars. At the start, however, Emma had the call at odds, although in scoring Jilt exhibited a turn of speed that astonished the backers. Emma took the scoring was long and tedious. When the word was given, Jilt went off with lead, Emma trailing, which she continued to do for mile and a half. She then went up and challenged Jilt for the heat, when the latter was taken off her feet. Emma then began to act queer for a short time, giving the lead to Jilt, but, getting on to the homestretch, she acted a winner by a neck in 5:18. The first heat was trotted in 2:25, and the last in 2:43. In the second heat Jilt started with the lead, but, breaking up soon afterwards, Emma went in front, where she lay but a short time, and then, as if by magic, she came in with a powerful rush, and beat for a mile and a half. The contest did not vary set in until the mares were approaching the half mile post on the last mile. Here Emma closed, and the pair trotted out to the homestretch, Emma cut loose from Jilt, and came home a winner by half a dozen lengths, making the heat in 5:21 1/2.

Organization of the Sons of Rhode Island.

A meeting of the Sons of Rhode Island was held yesterday evening at the Hotel House, B. H. Green, Esq., in charge. For the purpose of organizing a new organization for social intercourse and the promotion of good will and fellowship. The report of the committee on organization, appointed at a preliminary meeting, was submitted. It is recommended that an executive committee of thirteen be elected annually to promote the end aimed at. The report also provided that any person who might be a citizen of Rhode Island, or the descendant of a citizen, could have the privilege of membership, and that the dues should be \$1.00 per year, and an annual contribution not exceeding one dollar.

Rev. Dr. Vinton spoke in favor of having an annual dinner in connection with the society. He also spoke in favor of having a library, and of having a hall opened; but he assured the meeting that a donation could be got after dinner easier than any other claim for the money. The resolutions adopted, that the association be also organized for purposes of benevolence towards the sons of Rhode Island who might stand in need of it.

The members of the committee, as amended by Dr. Vinton, was adopted.

On motion, it was resolved to hold the annual meeting on the 1st of May, it being the anniversary of the day on which the constitution of the United States was adopted by the State of Rhode Island. The election of officers and the business of the committee, &c., will be announced at the next meeting.

The following gentlemen were appointed the executive committee for the management of the affairs of the society:—

Rev. Dr. Francis Vinton, Charles H. Russell, John P. Williams, George S. Cox, William Jones Hopkin, Benjamin Smith, Randall, for the purpose of the committee, and William Knight, Philip W. Ryan, John H. Ormsbee, Benjamin G. Arnold and Benjamin Cozzens.

Personal Intelligence.

Governor Eaton, of North Carolina, sailed for Newbern, N. C., yesterday, in the steamship General Burnside. Captain Jeffrey, of the steamship, was also a passenger by the General Burnside.

Captain Jeffrey, of the steamship City of Baltimore and Captain Mulholland and wife, of New York, are stopping at the Hotel House.

General Saxton, Major Brown and Captain Merrill, of the United States Army; H. Crowther, of England; L. C. Hopkins, of Cincinnati; W. F. Hart and wife, T. Maguire, P. E. Gray and wife, G. F. Bryant and W. G. Wood, of New York, and J. H. Kemp, of New York, are stopping at the Hotel House.

M. Union, of California; C. H. Green, of Philadelphia; J. O. Taylor and wife, of New York; J. B. Smith, of New York; B. Jones, of Kentucky; L. B. Black, of Cincinnati; J. H. and A. W. Sanford and E. Adams, of New York; J. H. and J. H. McNeill, J. M. Thomas and J. H. Holladay, of Kentucky; George B. Stetson and family, of Bridgeport; O. J. Reger, of Indiana; W. J. Cochrane, of New York; E. C. Porter, of Chicago; J. H. Schroeder, of Louisville; and J. H. and J. H. McNeill, of Philadelphia, are stopping at the Metropolitan Hotel.

Hon. Amos Kendall and wife, of Washington; L. Stetson, of Clinton county; J. A. Mead, of Livingston county; J. O. Taylor and wife, of New York; J. B. Smith, of New York; B. Jones, of Kentucky; L. B. Black, of Cincinnati; J. H. and A. W. Sanford and E. Adams, of New York; J. H. and J. H. McNeill, J. M. Thomas and J. H. Holladay, of Kentucky; George B. Stetson and family, of Bridgeport; O. J. Reger, of Indiana; W. J. Cochrane, of New York; E. C. Porter, of Chicago; J. H. Schroeder, of Louisville; and J. H. and J. H. McNeill, of Philadelphia, are stopping at the Astor House.

Col. Don Tomas Gutierrez de Juan, Col. Don Espinosa de Ycaza, and Col. Don Juan de los Rios, of Mexico, Gen. Prim, Commander in Chief of the Spanish Army, and Gen. Prim, have arrived in this city, and are now staying at the New York Hotel. Gen. Prim himself is expected to arrive here in a few days.

NILES'S SALOON.—OPERATE MATINEE.—The "Fidèle de Regimente" will be performed this afternoon by the Gotchaick Brigoli troupe. The cast is the same as the Academy a few weeks since, namely, Kellogg, the tragic actor and Sisti, Mr. Gotchaick will play between the acts several of his most popular compositions. This, we believe, will be the only performance given here by the troupe previous to its departure on its projected concert tour.

GENERAL BUTLER "COINCIDING" IN NEW ORLEANS.—Several informants info us that General Butler married Miss Hildreth, of Lowell, Mass., who is a cousin of Dr. Hildreth, formerly of Lyons, Mass., proprietor of the St. Charles Hotel, New Orleans. On his arrival at New Orleans the General found the St. Charles closed, but compelled him to consent to open it, as he wanted to establish his headquarters there. Mr. Hildreth should have received his distinguished relative with a better regard than he did, and he should have been more than ready to receive him.

THE SIEGE OF FORT WRIGHT.

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The Prince Street Shooting Case—Probable Solution of the Mystery.

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THE DRY GOODS TRADE.
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